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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application  
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application  
serial no.: 09/474,915; filed December 31, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its  
entirety.  
☒ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/153,649; filed September 13, 1999.

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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 55 pages of Specification (including 101 claims)
3. ☒ 6 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b. ☒ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☐ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12. ☐ English Translation Document
13. ☐ Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14. ☐ Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
  - a. ☐ computer readable copy
  - b. ☐ paper copy
  - c. ☐ statement in support
15. ☐ An Associate Power of Attorney
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) (Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
18. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form.
19. ☐ Other:

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Respectfully submitted,

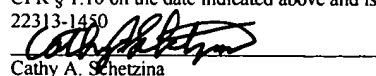


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